

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment, the present invention provides a dried pet food comprising a matrix including a denatured protein source, a gelatinized carbohydrate source, and insoluble fiber. Preferably, the pet food has a density of approximately 10 lb/ft³ (250 kg/m³) to about 20.5 lb/ft³ (330 kg/m³), in an embodiment, approximately 16.8 lb/ft³ (270 kg/m³) to 20 lb/ft³ (320 kg/m³). Furthermore, preferably the pet food is dimensional such that it has a length of at least 15 mm, a width of at least 13.5 mm, and a thickness of at least 12 mm. In an embodiment, the length is greater than the thickness. In an embodiment, the pet food has a length of approximately 20 mm, a width of at least 15 mm, and a thickness of at least 18 mm.